

#06 Toldot: I Loved Jacob

- **I learned a new word: prolepsis**
- **I know what you are going to ask.**
 - What is prolepsis?
- **pro·lep·sis /prō'lepsəs/ noun RHETORIC**
 - 1. the anticipation and answering of possible objections in rhetorical speech.

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- **Toldot**

- Gen 25:19 TLV Now these are the genealogies of Isaac, Abraham's son. Abraham fathered Isaac.
- Genealogies, descent, family, (figuratively) history

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- **Gen 25.19-26: Rebecca was barren**
- **Gen 25.27-34: Esau despises his birthright**
- **Gen 26.1-33: Isaac flees the famine**
 - He goes to the land of the Philistines.
 - He strives with the Philistines.
- **Gen 26.34-35: Esau marries two Hittite women.**
 - Isaac and Rebecca were grieved.

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- **Gen 27.1-46: Jacob tricks Isaac into blessing him.**
 - Gen 27.40: Rebecca tells her distress over Esau's wives as a reason for sending Jacob away to protect him from Esau.
- **Gen 28.1-9: Isaac sends Jacob to Laban.**

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- **God's love for Jacob and hate for Esau.**

- Mal 1:2-3 TLV “I loved you,” says Adonai. But you say: “How have you loved us?” “Was Esau not Jacob’s brother?”—it is the declaration of Adonai—“Yet I loved Jacob (3) and Esau I hated. I made his hills a wasteland and gave his inheritance to jackals of the wilderness.”

- **Hate: H8130, שָׂנֵא, sâneh, sah-nay'**

- A primitive root; to hate (personally): - enemy, foe, (be) hate (-ful, -r), odious, X utterly.

- **God became a foe to Esau.**

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- **Malachi is speaking of the nations of Edom and Israel.**
 - However, the characteristics of the nations were rooted in their fathers.

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- **Ishmael and Isaac are a type of works versus the promise of God.**
 - Abraham and Sarah tried to help God out.
 - Abrahams descendants are still feeling the effect of their effort.

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- **Esau and Jacob are a type of the flesh versus the Spirit (1).**
 - Esau and Jacob were born in answer to Isaac's prayer, so it wasn't something that Isaac and Rebecca did that caused the problem.
 - Gen 25:21 TLV Isaac prayed to Adonai on behalf of his wife because she was barren. Adonai answered his plea and his wife Rebekah became pregnant.

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- **Esau and Jacob are a type of the flesh versus the Spirit (2).**
 - Esau and Jacob were two different types of men. They reveal a completely different problem that mankind has.
 - Gen 25:22-23 TLV But the children struggled with one another inside her, and she said, “If it’s like this, why is this happening to me?” So she went to inquire of Adonai. (23) Adonai said to her: “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from your body will be separated. One people will be stronger than the other people, but the older will serve the younger.”

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- **Esau did not value the things of Adonai (1).**
 - He despised his birthright.
 - Gen 25:31-34 TLV So Jacob said, “Sell your birthright to me today.” (32) Esau said, “Look, I’m about to die. Of whatever use is this to me—a birthright?” (33) Jacob said, “Make a pledge to me now.” So he made a pledge to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. (34) Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

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- **Esau did not value the things of Adonai (2).**
 - Esau desired the idolatrous women.
 - Gen 26:34-35 TLV When Esau was 40 years old, he took as wife Judith the daughter of Be-eri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite. (35) But they caused a bitterness of spirit for Isaac and Rebekah.
 - The KJV says they were a “grief of mind” to his parents.
 - How can any child expect God to bless him when he does something that is a grief of mind to good parents?

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- **Esau did not value the things of Adonai (3).**
 - When his brother's trick revealed his weakness, instead of repenting he wanted to kill his brother.
 - Gen 27:41 TLV So Esau bore a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, "Let the time for mourning my father draw near, so that I can kill my brother Jacob!"

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- **We are in a struggle with sin:**

Heb 12:1-17 TLV (1) Therefore, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also get rid of every weight and entangling sin. Let us run with endurance the race set before us, (2) focusing on Yeshua, the initiator and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame; and He has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (3) Consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary in your souls and lose heart. (4) In struggling against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of bloodshed.

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- Heb 12:1-17 TLV (5) Have you forgotten the warning addressed to you as sons? “My son, do not take lightly the discipline of Adonai or lose heart when you are corrected by Him, (6) because Adonai disciplines the one He loves and punishes every son He accepts.” (7) It is for discipline that you endure. God is treating you as sons—for what son does a father not discipline? (8) But if you are without discipline—something all have come to share—then you are illegitimate and not sons. (9) Besides, we are used to having human fathers as instructors—and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

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- Heb 12:1-17 TLV (10) Indeed, for a short time they disciplined us as seemed best to them; but He does so for our benefit, so that we may share in His holiness. (11) Now all discipline seems painful at the moment—not joyful. But later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. (12) Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble! (13) And make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame will not be pulled out of joint but rather be healed. (14) Pursue shalom with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. (15) See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God; and see to it that no bitter root springs up and causes trouble, and by it many be defiled.

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- Heb 12:1-17 TLV (16) Also see to it that there is no immoral or godless person—like Esau, who sold his birthright for one meal. (17) For you know that later, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected. He found no chance for repentance, though he begged for it with tears.
- Esau did not count the struggle against sin as important.
- Esau was godless. Translated “profane” in the KJV.
- Esau did not believe an active relationship with God was important.

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- **Jacob valued the things of God.**
 - He valued the birthright, which made him the leader of the family, in both a spiritually and literal sense.
 - He thought the spiritual blessing of his father valuable enough to get it deceitfully.
 - He followed his parent's instruction NOT to take a wife from among the idolatrous Canaanite women.

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- **Jacob was given a new name that reflected his character.**
 - Gen 32:25-29 TLV So Jacob remained all by himself. Then a man wrestled with him until the break of dawn. (26) When He saw that He had not overcome him, He struck the socket of his hip, so He dislocated the socket of Jacob's hip when He wrestled with him. (27) Then He said, "Let Me go, for the dawn has broken." But he said, "I won't let You go unless You bless me." (28) Then He said to him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he said. (29) Then He said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but rather Israel, for you have struggled with God and with men, and you have overcome."

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- **Israel means, “Struggle with God”:**

- Verse 29 the angel of Adonai say:

- Gen 32:29 TLV Then He said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but rather Israel, for you have struggled with God and with men, and you have overcome.”The Hebrew says:

- **The Hebrew:**

- Sarita im Elohim, שָׁרִיתָ עִם-אֱלֹהִים
- It means “struggled with God”

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- **What does the name Israel tell us about Jacob's character?**
 - Jacob did NOT have a passive relationship with God
 - He had a relationship built an active back and forth communication and wrestling to work itself out.
 - Jacob was always seeking to expand the limits of his relationship with God.